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3 plead guilty to distributing heroin

The last of three defendants pleaded guilty last week in connection with distributing heroin from a Richfield apartment.

Manuel Inda-Galaviz, 28, unknown address, pleaded guilty June 5 to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 100 or more grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of heroin. Heroin is a highly addictive and dangerous opiate manufactured from morphine, which is extracted from poppy plants.

Inda-Galaviz, who was indicted on March 27, 2007, entered his plea in Minneapolis before United States District Court Judge John Tunheim.

Two other defendants have already pleaded guilty to conspiracy counts. Jhonnathan Deleon-Bayardo, 25, unknown address, pleaded guilty to one count on May 7, and Hector Martinez-Bueno, 22, unknown address, pleaded guilty to one count of May 6.

According to their respective plea agreements, the three knowingly and intentionally conspired with each other and others to possess with intent to distribute 100 or more grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of heroin on Feb. 28, 2007.

According to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) affidavit, the Richfield Police Department received information on Feb. 28 about controlled substances being sold from a Richfield apartment. Officers observed Deleon-Bayardo and Inda-Galaviz outside of the building, and observed them later entering the building and entering an apartment.

Police entered the building and used a drug-detection canine, who alerted officers about the presence of controlled substances at the apartment door. During an executed search warrant of the apartment, police recovered approximately \$26,000 in cash, empty balloons, four bags each containing at least 40 balloons of heroin, and five packages with approximately 25 grams of heroin per package. The total weight of the heroin seized was at least 100 grams.

On Deleon-Bayardo's person, police found more than \$1,500 in cash, and two balloons,

each containing approximately .2 grams of heroin.

Authorities located Inda-Galaviz outside the apartment building, and recovered on his person 42 balloons, each containing approximately .2 grams of heroin. Police later detained Martinez-Bueno, who had more than \$800 in cash on his person.

The three defendants each face a potential maximum penalty of 40 years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine their sentences at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the Richfield Police Department, the DEA and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christopher R. Wolfe and Andrew S. Dunne.